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MANUFACTURE FOR MINIMIZING TRAVEL  
TIME TO A USER SELECTED LOCATION

PATENT APPLICATION

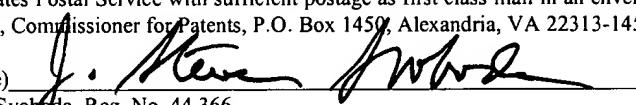
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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113**  
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Dear Examiner Nguyen:

This REPLY is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination under 1.114 and a Petition for Extension of Time under 1.136 are submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**An Examiner Interview Summary** is given on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.